

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-241-C - ORDER NO. 2006-1
JANUARY 5, 2006

IN RE: Request of Rock Hill Telephone Company,)	ORDER GRANTING
Lancaster Telephone Company and Fort Mill)	EXTENSION
Telephone Company, all d/b/a Comporium)	
Communications for Extended Area Service)	
in York County.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) to extend the time to file investigation results. In the present docket, the Commission issued Order No. 2005-463 on August 31, 2005, requesting that the ORS investigate the costs of providing an Extended Area Service in York County and any possible alternatives to Extended Area Service. Further, the Commission requested ORS to file its report and recommendation with the Commission within sixty (60) days of the issuance of Order No. 2005-463 (due date October 31, 2005). Thereafter, the Commission issued Order No. 2005-673, which granted ORS' request for an extension to file its report, whereby the date for filing was extended to November 14, 2005.

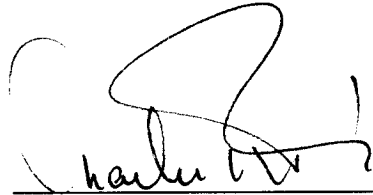
On November 14, 2005, ORS filed a Motion for a Continuance and Motion to Compel in the instant proceeding stating that ORS had not received responses from certain companies as requested and that ORS does not believe that the responses will be forthcoming. According to ORS, it is unable to submit a constructive report to the

Commission and will continue to be unable to do so until the information requested from the companies is provided; therefore the ORS requests that the Commission extend the time required to file its report an additional thirty (30) days from the November 14, 2005 deadline. At present, the Commission has not ruled on such Motion.

The present matter for disposition is ORS' December 29, 2005, letter in regard to its November 14, 2005 Motion for a Continuance and Motion to Compel. Since the Commission has not ruled on ORS' Motion, ORS requests that the Commission grant the ORS an extension of the time required to file its report in this proceeding until such time as the Motion to Compel has been ruled upon by the Commission. It would appear that a thirty (30) day extension should provide the Commission adequate time to dispose of pending motions and for ORS to prepare its report. As hearing officer in this docket, pursuant to Order No. 2005-680, issued December 6, 2005, I hereby grant ORS an extension of thirty (30) days to file its report.

Therefore, a thirty (30) day extension, from date of this Order, is granted to the Office of Regulatory Staff in which to file the ORS' investigation results.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

 1/5/2006

Charles L. A. Terreni, Hearing Officer